

CONDENSED STATEMENT
THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, Close of Business March 23, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$434,892.12
Overdrafts	2,987.92
Banking House	13,500.00
Building fund, banking house	12,178.88
Other Real Estate	5,841.50
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Stocks & Securities	1,500.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Commercial Loans	27,000.00
U. S. Bonds	77,150.00
Bills Ex. Cotton	4,620.62
Cash & Exchange	108,927.42
Total	\$700,969.37

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	29,964.74
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	621,004.63
Total	\$700,969.37

The above statement is correct.
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier
R. O. ANDERSON, Active V. Pres.

FARMERS STATE BANK
"The Dependable Bank"

MERKEL TEXAS

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- J. S. Swann, President
- R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.
- J. C. Mason, V. Pres.
- W. L. Diltz, Cashier
- Herbert Patterson, Assistant Cashier
- Dallas Scarbrough
- David Hendricks

ENJOY PICNIC

On last Friday night a group of young people enjoyed a picnic social on the banks of Mulberry Creek, east of town. Those present and enjoying a delicious lunch were Misses Georgia Daniels, Edna Watts, Corn Lee Halsey, Ruth Watts, Willie Toombs, Ethel Wilson, Messrs. Jim Brown, Tom Allday, Zedie Johnson, Kenneth Poe, Cyrus Pee, and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, chaperones.

Mr. J. A. Stanford is building a beautiful new and modern home in the southwest part of the city, which when completed will be among the most attractive in the city.

Let us give your car the permanent Pyroxylin beauty now. A variety of colors to choose from. MERKEL MOTOR COMPANY. 1312

Mr. H. A. Deavers returned first of the week from a visit to his son, M. H. Deavers, at Kerrville, he being an inmate of the great Legion Hospital at that place. He was transferred there recently from Fort Bayard, New Mexico.

Mr. W. C. Hill, one of the substantial citizens of the Sylvester community, was in the city yesterday and dropped in to renew his subscription to the Mail. He reports rain is needed very badly in his community.

Mr. A. L. Bryant and son W. H. Bryant returned first of the week from a business trip to points in East Texas.

We specialize on comfort shoes at BROWN'S.

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MOVED

We have this week moved our business from Kent Street to the building formerly occupied by Tom's Cafe; and are now ready to give the same good service that we have as here-tofore and will give better service if possible. We will be glad to see all our old customers and friends and a big lot of new ones.

Yours for better service,

Cash Tailor Shop
PHONE 180

How Gilbert Stuart

Saved the Situation

Gilbert Stuart almost had his head turned by his success in England, and on his return to America when Hull called to have his portrait painted the artist began telling him stories of his experiences with Lord So-and-So, the marquis of This and the Baroness That, stories meant to show Hull how elegant was the society to which he had been accustomed.

Unfortunately in the midst of this ostentatious chatter, Mrs. Stuart, not knowing there was a sitter, came in from the kitchen with an apron on and her head bound round with a kerchief. "Do you want that leg of mutton boiled or roasted?" she loudly inquired.

Stuart was nonplussed—but only for a second. "Ask your mistress," he commanded sharply.—Boston Transcript.

Types of Zebras

Zebra is the name in general of all the African striped species of the horse family (equidae) of which four species are usually recognized, viz., the true or mountain zebra (Equus zebra), Burchell's zebra (Equus burchelli), Grevy's zebra (Equus grevyi) and the quagga (Equus quagga). The last-named was only partly striped and is extinct. It was an inhabitant of South Africa, and especially of mountainous districts, where it roved in small bands. It was the smallest of the group, standing a trifle over four feet high at the withers, and had relatively long ears, a comparatively short mane and a scantily haired tail. Its ground color was white (brownish on the face) and the stripes were black. The zebra now most often seen in South Africa and in menageries is Burchell's which Boers call "quagga."

Drinking Sunlight

Although ultra-violet rays provide us with a satisfactory equivalent to sunshine in winter time, and "bottled sunlight" is to be obtained through the administration of cod-liver oil, science has by no means exhausted its discoveries.

It is hoped that it will soon be possible to obtain regular doses of summer sunlight from a glass of milk. By giving irradiated cattle cake to milch cows, their milk will be made rich in the vitamin conveyed by sunlight.

Milk, to most people, is more palatable than cod-liver oil, and is also cheaper. There is, too, a pleasant suggestion in "drinking sunlight."

Great Man's Influence

We cannot look, however imperfectly, upon a great man without gaining something by him. He is the living life-fountain, which it is good and pleasant to be near; the light which enlightens, which has enlightened the darkness of the world; and this not as a kindly lamp only, but rather as a natural luminary, shining by the gift of Heaven; a flowing light-fountain, as I say, of native, original insight, of manhood and heroic nobleness, in whose radiance all souls feel that it is well with them.—Carlyle.

Father to the Man

The attitude toward the head of the house varies in different homes. A child's opinion of a parent can generally be accepted at face value.

One evening a guest in a home wished to induce the somewhat timid three-year-old daughter to say a few words. Several attempts to carry on a conversation had failed. Finally the guest, pointing to the child's father, asked: "Who is that man over there?"

"My father isn't a man," said the child. "He is just a great big boy."

Skin Game

Johnnie had been scolded for playing with a little colored boy of his acquaintance. One day while watching his mother pare potatoes, he said: "Mother, I like Arthur so much. Can't we peel him so I can play with him?"

Sugar Trees

The bureau of plant industry says that there is no sugar tree in this country. There is a sugar palm which grows in tropical countries. All maples have sweet sap, but from only a few species have sirup and sugar been produced in paying quantities. The sugar maple (Acer saccharum) and the black maple (Acer saccharum nigrum) are practically the only trees used for this purpose. As a tree for the production of sirup and sugar in commercial quantities, the maple tree is confined to the eastern and northern United States and the neighboring western parts of Canada.

Fierce Mosquitoes

There are no mosquitoes and very few flies in England. In 1710 a London paper commented upon mosquitoes in the New world as follows: "The New York people are greatly troubled with a little insect which follows the hay that is made in the salt meadows, or comes home with the cows in the evening. This little animalcule can disfigure most terribly a person's face in a single night. The skin is sometimes so covered over with small blisters from their stings, that people are ashamed to appear in pub-

If you are going to use Blades, we have a few left at reduced prices. MERKEL MOTOR CO. 11

No Written Records

of the Celtic Race

That the Celts, at the time of the invasion by Julius Caesar of what is now England and Wales, had any written records there is great reason to doubt, although there are inscriptions on certain rude stone monuments in parts of Wales, as in the southeastern counties of Munster, Ireland, consisting of long and short lines, known as Ogamic characters, the antiquity of which is not well determined.

As far as deciphered these inscriptions throw no direct light on the origin of the Celtic race. Their spoken language, reduced to writing after the introduction of Christianity, is the only key of any importance to their origin. This plainly marks them as an early offshoot of the Aryan family, the common Asiatic stock from which all the western races of Europe have descended.

The descriptions left by the Romans of the aborigines of Britain at the time of the Roman conquest represent them as fierce, cruel barbarians. Neither Caesar's commentaries nor the writings of Tacitus and other historians of the period of the Roman domination convey evidence that the Britons had any knowledge of letters until the Roman and Greek characters were taught them. Neither do these historians preserve any oral traditions of the British bards or druids which might shed light on the early history of the Celtic race.

"Nordic Theory" Based

on Race Superiority

The word "Nordic" is derived from "nord," Scandinavian for north. It was applied by Joseph Deniker, the French anthropologist, to a race of tall, blond people who once inhabited Scandinavia, Scotland and northern England. The ancient Goths, for instance, were Nordics. They are supposed to have been the most highly developed branch of the white race and differed more from the yellow, brown, red and black races than did any other branch of the white race. Some scholars believe that traces of the original Nordic language survive in such English words as "wife" and "house," which are not found in Indo-European languages outside the Germanic group. Popularly the word "Nordic" has been extended to all the Germanic or Teutonic peoples. According to the so-called Nordic theory, people of Nordic descent are superior biologically to all other races.—Pathfinder Magazine

TO ALL HOLDERS OF
SECOND LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

All outstanding Second Liberty Loan 4 per cent bonds of 1927-42 (Second 4's) and all outstanding Second Liberty Loan 4 1/2 per cent bonds of 1927-42 (Second 4 1/2's) are called for redemption on November 15, 1927, pursuant to the terms of their issue. Interest on all Second 4's and Second 4 1/2's will cease on said redemption date, November 15, 1927.

Holders of Second 4's and Second 4 1/2's will be entitled to have the bonds redeemed and paid at par on November 15, 1927. Such holders may, however, in advance of November 15, 1927, be offered the privilege of exchanging all or part of their bonds for other interest-bearing obligations of the United States. Holders who desire to avail themselves of the exchange privilege, if and when announced, should request their bank or trust company to notify them when information regarding the exchange offering is received.

Further information may be obtained from any Federal Reserve Bank or branch, or from the Commissioner of the Public Debt, Treasury Department, Washington.

A. W. MELLON,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington, May 9, 1927.

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Get to the ol' swimmin' hole, the baseball lot, the picnic in the woods—wherever the gang goes—in style. Get there safely, surely on a pair of nifty-looking, trouble-free

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There's a heap of good feeling in knowing you're riding on tires that never yet failed to stand up longer and better. And how they do trim up 'a bike like a million dollars.

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Merkel, Texas
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We specialize on comfort shoes at BROWN'S.

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest.

Mrs. S. O. Owen, after a pleasant visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway, left first of the week for her home at Wichita Falls.

We have complete equipment for Pyroxylin finishing. Bring your car in and have our painter make it like new. Merkel Motor Co. 1312

If it is a house you want built, see a carpenter, but if it is Meats, see Baker & Wheeler Market. 14

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Saturday and Monday
SPECIAL

1 Bottle of \$1.00 Toilet Water
1 Box of 50c Face Powder
all for **99c**

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For The Month of May ONLY

Beginning the 6th and for the remainder of the month we will give **25 Percent Reduction on all Sizes of Portraits**

Now is the time to bring the Children. See our new **FRAMES and Folder Styles**. May is a good time for that Family Group you have been planning for so long.

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WAYS TO BLOCK CROOKED PROMOTERS

By **W. R. MOREHOUSE**
Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association
(This is one of a series of articles exposing the wiles of sharpers who are after your money.)

MANY reliable corporations, firms and individuals are engaged in developing mining properties, drilling for possible new oil wells and promoting new inventions and enterprises. On the other hand many unreliable persons are ostensibly engaged in the same pursuits, but in reality are only promoting frauds. Therefore, every investor should first divide the sheep from the goats before he hazards his savings. Because there are many dishonest manipulators using mining, oil, invention and promotion terms to deceive does not mean that all promoters in these fields are crooked. The truth is, there are many trustworthy men engaged in promoting enterprises that are honest investments. The problem is to know the difference between promoters of the reliable type and the high-pressure variety. The former are engaged in legitimate business. The other group is engaged in fleecing the public.



W. R. MOREHOUSE

The number of those who deliberately scheme to defraud is large and they are shrewd and deceitful. For this reason those who cannot afford to lose their savings should not trust entirely to their own judgment in making investments. In order to divide the sheep from the goats—to distinguish between reliable and unreliable promoters, to tell the good investors from the worthless—the inexperienced investor should consult his banker or let the National Better Business Bureau, whose headquarters are in New York City, advise him. It costs nothing to get such advice from either source. It is safe to say that if those who have lost their savings through fraudulent schemes had followed this simple course they would still be in possession of their money.

Get the Facts

Invariably, get the facts and take no substitute. There is nothing better and nothing just as good as the facts when it comes to withdrawing your savings from the bank and investing them. The facts about an investment either strengthen its position or show it up to be risky—oftentimes too risky for the person who cannot afford to lose.

others you know nothing about. Some time you may be approached to make a trade by a plausible person claiming to have better investments to offer than those you have. Recently a woman owning a block of gilt-edge public utility stock was approached by two smooth sharpers and urged to exchange it for stock in a fruit company which, she was told, was not only very valuable then but would increase rapidly in value and soon make her independently wealthy. Fortunately she told her neighbor about her offer. It happened that the neighbor had recently been defrauded in a similar way. She advised the second woman to report her offer to the local better business bureau. Having handled many similar situations the bureau instructed the woman to make an appointment for the traders to meet her in her home.



Good Advice that Prevented Disaster

New schemes to defraud are being hatched daily. The unscrupulous promoter never sleeps but is continuously plotting new methods of attack on the savers' hard-won accumulations. The liberties he takes with the law and the schemes he designs for befitting the sound advice of responsible persons makes it even more essential for investors to get the facts.

Remember that anything that is worth investing in is worth knowing about as to its safety, its income, and its marketability. Any investment which is enshrouded by a screen of glowing promises or is so complicated that neither you nor your banker can fathom it and get the hard facts isn't an investment you can afford to put your money into.

Make it an unbreakable rule to get all the facts, whether the investment be large or small, and you will save yourself the heartaches and bitter disappointment of losing your savings. Millions of dollars which have unfortunately been lost through poor investment might have been saved if the investors had taken time to investigate before investing. There is always need for capital in safe, honest business and so great is the legitimate demand for investors' funds that not one cent need be wasted by them on fraudulent schemes.

Don't Trade Good for Bad
Don't exchange your investments for *(A future article will tell of more schemes by which people are defrauded of their savings.)*

BANKERS HELPING

Three banks in South Carolina have inaugurated a plan to provide free of rent for two years a centrally located place to be used by the farmers of Greenville and neighboring counties for the purpose of establishing a creamery, a canning factory and a farm woman's club. The idea is to get the farmers to raise livestock, to raise their own food and feed and to have something extra to sell. The canning factory is intended to utilize the surplus garden and fruit products, and the club rooms for getting the support and co-operation of the farm women.

Georgia bankers have made great strides in furthering a diversified farming program the past year. They induced farmers to sow fifty-five carloads of vetch seed, furnished local prizes in eighty counties for the corn contest, the state prize of \$1,000 being

furnished by a bank in Atlanta. A banker-farmer alfalfa demonstration was held at the college and attended by 250 bankers and farmers. Alfalfa acreage has increased from 1,800 to 5,000, the demonstration being credited with 50 per cent of this increase. This year the state has produced 12,000,000 more bushels of corn than last year, has sold 50 cars of truck, \$2,000,000 worth of pecans, and has produced 150,000,000 pounds of meat and enough corn and hay for its own use.

AS LABOR SEES BANKS

Vast sums of money are lost each year by wage-earners through investments hastily entered into. With the confidence of the wage-earners, banks will be enabled to more accurately advise such investors and thus save money which might otherwise be lost by unwise speculation. — William Green, President American Federation of Labor.



NOW is the time to get in readiness for the opening day of Merkel's own Golf Links.

You'll find here a complete line of everything you need for properly playing the game. A wide variety from which to choose.

We carry a full assortment of caddie bags, golf balls, wood clubs, irons, practice balls, wood tees, etc. And we extend an invitation to golf enthusiasts to come in, look over our line and get our prices.

West Company



Mrs. S. O. Owen, after a pleasant visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway, left first of the week for her home at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Velma Wilcox, who has been here for a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway, left Tuesday for Cisco, where she will join her husband in making that city their home.

Just received fresh car of Peace Maker Flour. Also plenty of bran and shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a.m., W. M. Elliott, Supt.

Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. We will be glad to have you in all the services. Will be glad to get acquainted with you. R. A. Walker, pastor.

We have several good cars we will sell to responsible parties all on fall time. MERKEL MOTOR CO. it

There is lots of news in the Classified Columns. Read it every week.

CITATION OF APPLICATION For Letters of Guardianship

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—GREETINGS

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, to cause to be published, once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS interested in the welfare of Mrs. N. L. Meeks, a person of unsound mind, you are hereby notified that Booth Warren has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the person and estate of said person of unsound mind; which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in June, A. D. 1927, same being the 20th day of June A. D. 1927, at the Court house thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said person of unsound mind may appear and contest such application, if they see proper to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this 3rd day of May, 1927.

W. E. BEASLEY, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Bernice Brittain, Deputy. 1312

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greetings

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Earl Hightower by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the third Monday in June A. D. 1927, the same being the 20th day of June A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 11th day of May A. D. 1927, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 47-B, wherein Nellie Hightower is Plaintiff, and Earl Hightower is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were married about Sept. 13, 1915, and separated about January 15, 1920. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of three years abandonment, all of which is fully shown in Plaintiff's Original Petition.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 11th day of May A. D. 1927.

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County. 1314

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C. S. Higgins Garage

Located North of Post Office
PHONE 149w

General Repair Work Used Parts for sale
All Mechanical Work Guaranteed
Good Work at Absolutely Lowest Prices

PILES CURED

No Knife No Pain No Detention From Work
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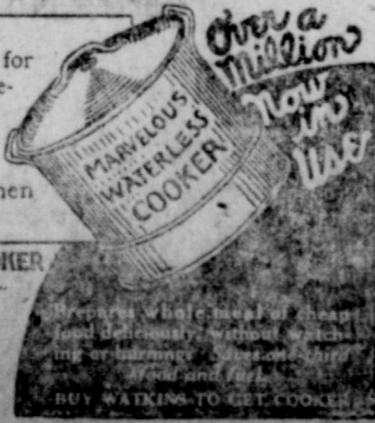
Rectal and Skin Specialist of Abilene, Texas, will be at HAMM DRUG COMPANY, TUESDAY, MAY 17th.
From 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

\$300 CASH

First Prize \$100.00 Cash
2nd Prize.....\$50.00 Cash
5 Prizes \$10 each Cash - 20 Prizes \$5 each Cash
700 handsome, costly aluminum ware prizes

TO ANY WOMAN WHO COOKS

Ruth Taft, Woman's Adviser for The J. R. Watkins Co. wants good, home-prepared and tested WATERLESS COOKER RECIPES for her Waterless Cooking guide book. She wants your help and offers these prizes so all women will be interested.



FOR DETAILS OF CONTEST AND COOKER OFFER, WRITE OR PHONE, AT ONCE -

Don't forget that you can get the old reliable fly oil for stock from the Watkins man. Phone 261W
W. A. WHITELEY

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

**AL SMITH OPPOSED
BY TEXAS W.C.T.U.**

AUSTIN, May 11.—The Texas branch of the W. T. C. U. went on record today as being unalterably opposed to the nomination and election of Al Smith as president of the United States.

Mrs. Claude De Van Watts of Austin, state president, said "the W. T. C. U. is reminded that Alfred E. Smith is a friend and political product of the saloon. His nomination can be prevented only by the dry Democrats refusing to be deceived by claims that Al Smith is against the saloon, and that he favors law enforcement. Al Smith means Alcohol Smith," she concluded.

Adult B. Y. P. U. Program

- Subject: "The Amusement Problem." Read Eccl. 11:6-10.
- Leader, Mrs. General ones.
- Introduction, by leader.
- Make amusement clean and recreative, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard.
- Recreation or dissipation, Mrs. Campbell.
- Some pointers on socials, Mrs. Vernon.
- Social life a place of testimony, by Mrs. Parrack.
- The Christian and dancing, Mrs. Parker first part; Mrs. Matthews second part; Mrs. T. R. Lassiter, 3rd part.

Mr. E. E. Scarborough and Miss Annie Belle Robertson, were happily united in marriage at eight p. m. on May seventh, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, the ceremony taking place in the pastor's study.

We have a large stack of used cars, repainted, reconditioned and carry our guarantee. Merkel Motor Co. 11

Trade at Home

For more than 20 years the Enterprise has been boosting Winters' merchants, the home town men. Why? Because Winters merchants stand by their town at all times; at all times are willing to lend a helping hand in the support of every home enterprise and because they back every move that is for the best interest of Winters.

But we wonder if the citizens in and about the community realize the worth of the home town merchants—of the many things they do for the town and its people, and how much we, as a people, owe to them.

Back of every movement for good—for progress, development and uplift are the home town merchants, and usually only the home town merchants, while others "pass the buck" except during beneficial showers.

Who contributes most to community welfare—to church, to school, to society, to civic improvements, to charity and improvement? Usually only the merchants of your home town.

Who are the vital forces in every organization having to do with community life and improvements? Usually the home town merchant.

Who are the first to work for needed improvements, for better streets—for a cleaner city, for city beautification—for the very things that

Who are the first to combat the things that are injurious to our community—to society—to our industrial, commercial and moral life? Usually, only the home town merchants.

Who digs deeper into their pocket-books than the home merchants to support the community benefits? "Day by day, in every way" the home merchants are contributing of their time, their energy, and their money to make Winters a bigger and better place in which to live.

It is proper and fitting then that we give more than a passing thought to the debt we owe the home town merchants and that we come to the realization that this debt can be repaid by giving to them the trade of the community, a trade well earned and rightfully theirs.

The truth of the matter is, home-town merchants are selling goods at, or less, than prices elsewhere, and

if we will be fair and include additional expenses incurred when trading away—we are bound to admit that it is cheaper to trade at home besides showing a spirit of reciprocity.

Spend your money elsewhere and the merchants will be forced to go out of business and to seek a new location where more civic pride and community exists. And you may be sure that no other business men will come in to take their places for nothing scares business away from a town as much as "for rent" signs on a vacant store building.—Winters Enterprise.

THE IDEAL CITY

It must be a city where people diligently mind their own business, and the public business, and do both with a decent regard to the judgment and rights of other men; a city where there is no boss rule in anything, where all men are not brought to the measure of one man's mind, or the heel of one man's will; a city whose citizens are brave and true and generous and who care for their own; a city having the community spirit, but not the communistic spirit, where capital is respected, but has no temples; a city whose people live in homes, where there is room for a morning glory or a sweet pea; where fresh air is not delivered in pint cups; where the children every day can feel the spring of nature's great carpet; where people are not so numerous as to suggest that decimation might promote the general welfare; where there is neither flaunting wealth, nor envious poverty; where life is comfortable and toil honorable; where municipal reforms are not hysterical, but have the habit of keeping cool; where the broad judgment of a capital, and not the narrowness of a province, prevails; where the commerce in goods is great, but not greater than the exchange of thought and of neighborly kindness. Benjamin Harrison in Texas Municipalities.

Mr. Forrest Nicholson, wife and little son, Billie one, of Fort Worth, accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. J. W. Nicholson, spent the day Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. P. Nicholson of this city.

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A proven product is much cheaper in time, even though the first cost may seem a little high.

We are prepared to give you service on any product you purchase from us. We handle only the best in electrical appliance lines, and are always willing to assist you in any way possible to get the best.

It pays to see us before you buy electric appliances.

West Texas Utilities Company



Buy across the Counter

WHEN you buy across the counter in the stores of this town, you are using good business judgment. Why? There are many reasons, but one of the most important is this:

You can buy what you want at the price you wish to pay! You are not obliged to accept "something just as good," because you are in a position to compare values and make your own selections.

When you trade at home you are helping your friends to help you! And there is no finer thing in life than neighborly co-operation. It always pays—in happiness and satisfaction as well as dollars and cents.

Read the Ads in this Paper
and save yourself money by trading at home

**CHEVROLET ANNOUNCES
A NEW MODEL TODAY**

Chevrolet today announces a new model, the Imperial Landau. It is a five passenger closed car of luxurious appointments and new design, listing at \$780 f.o.b. Flint.

Heralded as the aristocrat of low priced cars, the new model is equipped with a specially designed Fisher body, marking a new creation by Fisher that provides the low priced field with a smart, rakish Landau.

Contributing to the distinction of the Imperial Landau is the specially designed low-slung Fisher body with its many advancements in design from vaulted roof and oblong plate glass windows to smoking set. Hardware is of special design throughout, with garnish rails in polychrome and door seals of beaded maroon leather—in pleasing contrast with the deep-taube taupe mohair upholstery.

Emphasizing the exterior beauty of the car is the lustrous satin back Duco finish with double bead stripes of Chasseur red. Window frames have a crimson trim on the outside and maroon within the car. The top rear quarter and the sun visor are of mouse gray textile leather. The Imperial Landau is fitted with a swing-out type windshield of one-piece design on nicked brackets, while narrow front pillars provide for increased driving vision.

Like other Chevrolet models this year, the Imperial Landau is equipped with standard one-piece, full-crown fenders, balloon tires, bullet-type head lamps, oil filter, air cleaner, co-incident steering wheel and ignition lock, remote control door handles, improved instrument panel, new gasoline gauge, disc wheels, new radiator and running board.

A factory statement points out that only the economies resulting from great quantity production have enabled the company to produce the new model at the price listed.

Introduction of the Imperial provides the company with eight models, six closed and two open cars, comprising the most complete line of automobiles ever offered by a manufacturer of low priced cars. In addition to the passenger models, the company is also building commercial vehicles in both ton and half ton sizes.

Although the factories have been in production on the Imperial for several weeks, the formal showing of the new model throughout the country was withheld until today to permit dealers to obtain sufficient cars to cope with the expected initial demand.

Noodle News

The health of the community is good at present. Most all of the farmers are busy in their fields now.

Miss Lila Mae Bird of Simmons University spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Era Smith spent Sunday with Miss Frances Goode.

Preaching at the Baptist church, Sunday was attended by a large crowd.

Miss Odell Sloan spent the week-end with Misses Vera and Brooksie Justice of Winters.

Mrs. D. L. Nicholson of Merkel is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Eicknell.

Miss Harry's went shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. F. Deutchman of this community passed away at the family home on Monday, the 2nd, after a lingering illness. He was laid to rest in the Shiloh cemetery. The entire community extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

The Noodle high school will put

on a play at the school house May 17. It is entitled "All on account of Polly".

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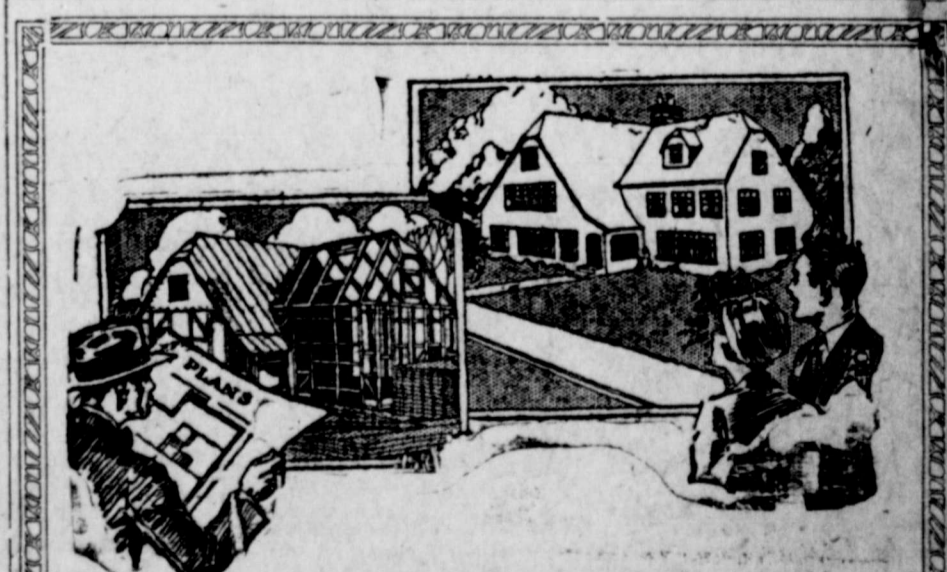
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Great Men's Passion for Odd Collections

When Whistler was hard pressed for money, he took many of his etchings to the pawnbroker to obtain the wherewithal to buy wine or rare Nankin china, being a connoisseur of the former and a collector of the latter. Rossetti devoted himself to old furniture and Japanese bric-a-brac with the passion of the true collector. Unlike Whistler, however, he knew how to hang on to money and drove a hard bargain. His house was a combined museum and menagerie where raccoons, armadillos, salamanders and chameleons rummaged amongst rare manuscripts, books, pictures, musical instruments and furniture. The raccoon was finally disposed of after he had nibbled up some of the poet's manuscript, and a zebra which in the end proved dangerous met the same fate. There is, however, no accounting for tastes; and the collector who specialized in nooses which had performed their duty and to which he attached the names of their former tenants, possessed, if not a more peculiar, certainly a more morbid taste than Rossetti.-Market for Exchange

Literature Owes Much to Early Troubadours

The troubadour was a knight and a poet. A restless knight, eternally on the go, with a musical instrument slung over his shoulder and a sword at his side. Early each spring he sallied forth, whim and fancy directing his stretches from northern Spain to Provence in southern France, and Italy. Provence, carpeted with wild flowers, where thousands of tiny rivulets wind like silver lacings, where the birds sing sweetly and skies are ever smiling. To the troubadour we are indebted for a vast deal of our knowledge of the thought and customs of the time. His songs, the first lyrical poetry written in medieval Europe, form a valuable supplement to history; 2,500 of them, comprising drama, romances and fables, have been preserved. The language used, Langue d'Oc, now spoken only by a few French shepherds and back country folk, is incontestably the richest and most harmonious that ever graced the literature of a people.-Mentor Magazine

Open Windows From Top
Many housewives have not yet learned the great advantage in having kitchen windows open from the top. They should be so opened especially when the housewife is working there. This arrangement lets the hot, used air out and the cool, fresh draft on the worker. According to economic experts at Pullman, Wash., the temperature should be maintained somewhere between 60 and 68 degrees Fahrenheit and the air should be constantly changing. Lack of fresh air makes one tired very quickly.

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Baptist	447
Methodist	420
Presbyterian	64

The Church of Christ and Nazarene reported a substantial gain. Although the day was very windy and the sandstorm kept many away, we should be proud that our little city can boast of setting such a standard, which figures about fifty percent of our population in Sunday School.

LEW CODY, FILM VILLAIN, IS NOW GETTING HIS DUE

Lew Cody, who spent a good many years of his film career wrecking other people's screen romances, is now getting a spoonful of his own medicine.

Lew used to be the third angle of a triangle. In "The Demi-Bride," a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production starring Norma Shearer, and playing at the Queen Theatre Monday and Tuesday, Lew is the fourth angle of a quadrangle.

He abandons the love of one woman, seeks the love of another, and has the love of a third thrust upon him—and learns to like it. The story is an original one by F. Hugh Herbert and Florence Reyserson, and was directed by Robert Z. Leonard.

Cody's role—that of a gallant Parisian boulevardier—is one of the most suitable parts that has fallen to his lot in many months. He makes the most of it. Norma Shearer as the native young school girl who pursues and finally captures him, is wholly delightful. Both are at their best in this fast-moving farcical comedy.

Miss Shearer and Cody are supported by a cast which includes Carmel Myers, Dorothy Sebastian, Tenen Holtz and Lionel Belmore.

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IDLEWISE CLUB

Idlewise Club members were most afternoon in the home of Mrs. Em-graciously entertained on Tuesday met Grimes. A number of guests made the bridge games especially happy for the Club members and at the culmination of the games a business session was held by the club members after which a most delicious salad plate and fruit punch were served to Mrs. Robert Terrell of Xenia, Ohio, Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Claude Young, David Wright, R. I. Grimes, T. L. Grimes, Charlie Jones, Harlow, R. O. Anderson, F. C. McFarland, Roy Largent, Geo. White, Earl Baze, Misses Lucy Tracy, Mary Cleo Booth, Christine Collins, Evelyn Hamm, Ruby Hamm and the hostess.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Special meeting: "The Amusement Problem."

- Leader, Dorothy Higgins.
Introduction, by the leader.
1. Make Amusement clean and re-creative, Mary Ellen Ashby.
2. Recreation and dissipation, Yates Brown.
3. Some pointers on socials, Ted McGehee.
4. Social Life a Place for Testimony, Rosa Gilbert.
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The announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Sterling to Mr. Lester Miller furnished the inspiration for the party and many and clever were the means employed by the hostesses in stressing this event in all their party arrangements. The wide, cool front porch, studded with cut flowers and plants, made a most delightful setting for the tables arranged for 42 and Bridge. Tallies in the form of a wish bone were passed and the score pads, mints and all table appointments were an harmonious color scheme of the pastel shades. After the games had progressed at length, Miss Sterling was paged by Miss Betty Lou Grimes in messenger uniform, bearing the warning to "rush into the house, it looks as if it's going to shower," and the surprised honoree was led to a veritable avalanche of packages which were opened and admired by the guests. Mrs. McDonald presided over the Bride's book

where the guests registered and expressed good wishes for the Bride and groom. A refreshing fruit salad and punch which was iced with a sherbet frozen in the pastel shades and plate favors were hand-painted wedding bells and cut roses. The guest list for this beautiful party included Misses Sterling, Edna Marie Jones, Christine Collins Mary Cleo Booth, Meiba West, Ouida Campbell, Frances McMurry, Eunice Russell, Mary Proctor, Eleanor Harrison, Berry, Holder, Martha Bird, Mesdames Len Sublett, Holland Teaff, Claude Young and the hostess.

Rev. C. C. Montandon and family attended the commencement exercises of the Nazarene Academy at Hamlin Wednesday night.

Miss Eska Gage, of Abilene, was the week-end guest of Miss Boog Sears last Friday and Saturday.

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A number of ladies and old club members met last Friday afternoon, May the sixth, with Mrs. Golladay for the purpose of re-organizing the Friendship Club. Mrs. Vernon Sublett, the old president, presided over the business meeting. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Len Sublett, president; Mrs. Golladay, Vice President; Mrs. E. L. Turner, Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Earl Thornton, reporter.

The afternoon's program was carried out in honor of our Mothers, every one wearing either a red or a white rose, and a very interesting Mothers contest was had. Mrs. Earl Thornton won first prize, which was a beautiful framed motto on Mother. Music was enjoyed throughout the afternoon and a delightful refreshment of punch and angel food squares were served. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 25th, with Mrs. Vernon Sublett. Club Reporter.

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METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the services last Sunday at the Methodist Church was as follows:

Sunday School:	
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Number attending preaching	315
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Miss Hazel Coates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Coates, is confined with a case of mumps this week. Miss Coates is a senior in Merkel High School, and her illness at this time interferes very much with her school work.

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